

# FOUND DEAD NEAR WESTERLY

**William P. Stillman, 72, Suffocated While Drinking From Swamp Pool—Jury Awarded George E. Champlin \$15,000 In Suit Against Pawcatuck Valley Road—Death of William H. Shippee—Elks to Hold Lodge of Sorrow.**

William H. Shippee, proprietor of the restaurant in the Briggs building for about three years, died early Friday morning of typhoid fever after ten days' sickness at his home, No. 7 Chase street, Pawcatuck. Mr. Shippee was born in East Greenwich, R. I., 29 years ago, and when quite young engaged in mill work. Ten years or more ago he secured employment in the velvet mill at Stonington and later engaged in the restaurant business in Stonington and for a time was employed in New London.

A few months ago he purchased his home in Chase street, returned the house and made general improvements to the property and prepared to provide a comfortable home for his family and himself.

Mr. Shippee was widely known and was deservedly popular. He leaves a widow, a daughter, Pearl, and two sons, William and Bertram.

The Westernly Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will observe Memorial Sunday in Bliven opera house next Sunday afternoon. The memorial address will be delivered by J. Stacy Brown of Newport, who is city solicitor for Newport and has represented that city in the general assembly. There will be solo and vocal duets, orchestral selections and memorial service according to the Elks' ritual.

The deceased members of Westernly lodge are Nathaniel P. Main, Horace Burdick, Burrill N. Thompson, Milton A. Young, Joseph Graf and Joseph C. Moore.

The complete programme for Sunday afternoon follows: Orchestral selections, (a) Pique Dame, Supper; (b) Nalla, Cellists; Funeral March, Chopin; (c) The Vacant Chair, Messrs. Clancy, St. Onge, McTurk, Coleman; tenor solo, "Thy Will Be Done, Marston, Martin, H. Spellman, duet, O Holy Father, McCabe, Mr. Spellman, Mrs. Driscoll; soprano solo, (a) My Rosary, Nevlin; (b) Neener, My Will Be Done, Mrs. Anita Arliss; memorial address, Hon. J. Stacy Brown, Newport lodge, No. 104; bass solo, Pro Pectatis from Rosamine, Stabat Mater, Thomas, Mr. Clancy; baritone solo, Light and Darkness.

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Wilson Blackburn, tenor solo, selected, James McTurk, quartet, "Charity, Measles, Clancy, St. Onge, McTurk and Coleman; closing exercises, Auld Lang Syne; benediction, Rev. William F. Williams.

While there are several cases of scarlet fever in Westerly, and all of them under quarantine, it is not believed there is any danger of epidemic. There is a scare, however, that is apparent in the falling off of attendance in the lower grades of the public school. The health officer, with the aid of physicians, have taken every precaution to prevent a spread of the disease.

The local cases are all of the lightest form, barely beyond the scarletina stage.

William Potter Stillman, who resides at 41 West street, Mrs. William Holberton, on Chase Hill, on the road leading from the Hopkinton cemetery to Niantic, was found dead in a field near his home Friday morning. Mr. Stillman was nearly 73 years old, and since the death of his wife, two years ago, has at times shown signs of mental derangement. He was found by Mrs. Holberton, who kept close watch of him. Thursday he seemed to be in good spirits and left the house about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, stating in the direction of his sister's house, not far distant. As he did not return at the accustomed hour, Mrs. Holberton made inquiry and learned that he had not been at his sister's home.

Search was made for Mr. Stillman, the searching party with lanterns patrolling the vicinity, but without result. Friday morning Mrs. Holberton, knowing that her father occasionally visited in the Spring in the neighborhood, started to search in that direction. Before reaching the spring she found her father lying face downward, his face submerged in water in a small swamp pool.

A short distance from the pool, perhaps two feet, were Mr. Stillman's hat, mittens and spectacles, strengthening the belief that he was in the act of drinking from the pool when death came. He probably prostrated himself to drink and presumably from overexertion, superinduced by physical and mental weakness and age, he was unable to rise, his head dropping into the pool of water, causing death by suffocation.

Mr. Stillman was a farmer and for years had a milk route in Westerly. He was compelled to refrain from hard work about two years ago by reason of a general breakdown, physically and mentally.

Mr. Stillman is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Holberton, Mrs. E. R. Thompson of New York, Mrs. John Woodmansee of Matineck and Miss Phoebe Stillman, a teacher in South Coates, and by two brothers, Horace Stillman of Ashaway and Herbert Stillman of the Potter Hill road, and four sisters, Grace, Frances and Jennie Stillman, who reside in the Stillman homestead on Chase Hill, and Mrs. Ennis Conger of Ohio.

The jury in the case of George E. Champlin against the Pawcatuck Valley Street Railway company rendered a verdict that the plaintiff recover the sum of \$15,000 damages for injuries sustained. Mr. Champlin was in the employ of Contractor Nardone as a teamster, driving his own team in a connecting with the work of improving the Watch Hill road, last July. His cart was struck by an electric car and he was thrown from his seat to the ground, falling directly in front of one of the wheels of the car, which rolled against his back, breaking the pelvic bone and rendering him almost helpless. He was taken to the Westerly hospital for three months before he was able to be taken to his home. He claimed that the car struck the cart before any warning was given him to get off the track, but that he was driving from the track when struck.

At the time of the accident it was claimed that Mr. Champlin had driven from the track and that his horses became frightened at a passing automobile and backed suddenly in front of the moving car, the collision taking place before the motorman was able to stop the car, although power had been shut off and the brakes set.

Mr. Champlin in his suit asked damages of \$30,000, but the jury rendered verdict for half the amount claimed. Albert R. Crafts represented Mr. Champlin and Everett A. Kingsley and Donald G. Perkins were counsel for the Pawcatuck Valley Street Railway company. The case was tried in the superior court at Kingston and returned Friday afternoon. The jury was out for an hour and a half.

## STONINGTON

**Child's Sudden Death—Harper-McShane Wedding—Prominent Socialist to Lecture—Bridge Prize Winners.**

George A. Latham, a native of the borough, has been elected a commissioner of the county. He was elected on the republican ticket by a big majority.

At the dog show held in New London, C. O. B. Hammond's dog Rover won first prize for Irish setter, and F. La Verne Burdick's two cocker spaniels took first and second prizes. Julius A. Lloyd of Dixon, Ill., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Anderson.

**Honors at Bridge.**  
The Merry Twelve whist club met this week with Mrs. Henry B. Noyes the prizes going to Mrs. J. S. Anderson, Jr., and the consolation to Miss Frances Comstock. At the meeting next Tuesday evening Miss Quintard will entertain the club at the home of Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene P. Hyde have returned from Maine.  
**Catactus Removed.**  
Eugene Atwood, who with Mrs. Atwood left for New York Sunday, underwent an operation for the removal of a catactus from his right eye, on Wednesday. He is resting comfortably, the operation being most successful.

**Harper-McShane Wedding.**  
Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Cowan, Miss Hannah McShane and Mr. Charles Harper were united in marriage by Rev. Charles J. Mason, rector of Calvary Episcopal church. The house was prettily decorated and many and various gifts were received. They will live at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cowan during the winter.

**Christmas Plans.**  
The Christmas festival of the Second Congregational Sunday school will be held Tuesday evening, December 27, in the church parlor.  
**Going to Bermuda.**  
Mrs. E. F. Darrell and family left for New York today (Saturday) they sail for Bermuda to spend the winter. The spelling matches were won on Friday by Jacob Rowland in Mrs. Jones Stewart's room, and by Frank Marie, in Miss Dennison's room.

Walter Ames of Rochester, N. Y., inside guide of the Boston woods, outside guard, Matthew Gilmore, trustee for 3 years, Charles B. McCort.  
**Death of Cecilia Ponte.**  
Cecilia Ponte, the 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Ponte of Gold street, died suddenly at 9 o'clock Thursday evening. The child was about the streets in the afternoon and at 5:30 p. m. went up town to do some errands for her parents. About 8 p. m. the little girl complained of pains in her stomach and a physician called at once to attend her. Before medicine could be given her she died in agony.

**To Give Public Lecture.**  
Dr. Albert Sudekum, who is to give a public lecture in Stonington Tuesday, December 6, is one of the most prominent socialist members in the German reichstag, having been a member that body for 11 years. Dr. Sudekum came to America to study social and industrial conditions. He will give his address in English and German.

E. A. Allis of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the guest of relatives here.  
**MYSTIC**  
Funeral of Mrs. Sarah H. Congdon—Painters Injured by Fall—Lively Basketball Game Looked For.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah H. Congdon, widow of Dr. Edwin H. Congdon, was held from her home on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and was largely attended. Relatives were present from Jersey City, New York and Boston. Rev. A. C. Jones, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, officiated. Burial was in Elm Grove cemetery.

**Golden Wedding Invitations.**  
Invitations have been received to the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Lamb, on Monday evening, December 12, at their home, Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb are well known here, where they have many relatives.

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**Second Anniversary.**  
Colchester Baptist church, Rev. B. D. Remington, pastor, Sunday, December 4, morning worship, 10:45; Sunday school, 12; P. M. U. at 6 p. m. being the second anniversary of Rev. B. D. Remington as our pastor, the day will be observed by a union service at 7 p. m. to which all the congregations of Colchester have been invited to join. The features of the evening will be special singing and short addresses by the pastors of the different churches. The Lord's Supper will be observed at 8 p. m. of which all believers in Christ are privileged to partake.

At the Fitchville Baptist church, Rev. B. D. Remington will supply. Services at 2 p. m. Subject, The Fall and Restoration of Peter. Sunday school, 2:15. Special singing and solo by Mr. Morrow.

The Reading club will meet in the church at 7 p. m. These services are interesting and of interest to the people of Fitchville are enjoying their literary and spiritual features.

**JEWETT CITY**  
Has Two Wives—Alfred Garceau in Jail in Default of \$600 Bail—Death of George H. Milner.  
In the town court Friday morning, Judge H. H. Burnham on the bench, Alfred Garceau, alias Alfred Marshall, was presented by Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. E. Brown on the charge of bigamy. He was brought here by Officer P. B. Driscoll, having been arrested by Chief of Police Richmond of Williamstown on Wednesday. The man waived examination and entered a demurrer, which was overruled by the court, and he was bound over to the county jail to await trial.

Garceau was well known here, having at one time been a trolley car conductor on the line passing through this place, and later working as a carpenter. He married June A. Thompson, a Delma Grouard in Harrisville, R. I., and ten years later married Mrs. Eva Clark of this place. Garceau, while not denying his guilt, as the evidence stands, claimed that the second marriage was contracted with the full belief that his first wife was dead.

**Pulpit Themes.**  
Sunday morning at the Congregational church Rev. W. H. Gamble, subject will be Facts Concerning Christian Life, and in the evening Tempting the Devil.  
At the Baptist church Rev. E. W. Potter will occupy the pulpit in the morning. In the evening Rev. J. E. Norcross, district secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission society, will give an address.  
Rev. E. W. Potter's morning subject at the Baptist church is Jacob's Promise to the Lord.

**OBITUARY.**  
George H. Milner.  
The following from the Hudson Republican of Nov. 24th regarding the death of George H. Milner of Valatie, N. Y., will be of interest to Jewett City people. Mr. and Mrs. Milner having lived here for ten years. Mr. Milner retired from business on Nov. 5th, and his wife was awakened early in the morning by his peculiar breathing. All efforts to arouse him were unavailing and he was dead shortly after. He had a weak heart, but such sudden development was wholly unexpected for Mr. Milner was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1847, and emigrated with his parents to Boston, when he was five years old. Shortly after the beginning of the Civil war he entered the service, being mustered as a private at Sprague, Conn., on Oct. 1, 1861, in Company F, Tenth regiment, Connecticut volunteer infantry. He served under General Burnside in several important engagements and was wounded Dec. 14, 1862, near Kingston, N. C., being discharged for disability March 27, 1863. Mr. Milner was a brave and fearless soldier and received special mention for his efficiency and gallantry. L. A. Thompson of Jewett City was in the same regiment with Mr. Milner.

In 1896 he was a resident of Valatie and in that year married Miss Mary A. Tuin, who survives him. At that time he was with the Wild Manufacturing company, and in 1892 he moved to

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Jewett City, where he was overseer of the mule spinning department at the Ashland Cotton company mills, retired there until 1907, when he retired.

Later, in order that the change would benefit his wife's health, they moved to Valatie, N. Y., where Mr. Milner's ability in the cotton industry was substantiated by the offer that was extended him a week before he died to become overseer of spinning at the Grinnell mills in New Bedford, Mass.

Mr. Milner was kindly disposed in all ways, patient, considerate and thoughtful. He was essentially a self-made man and full of determination, and his integrity, his splendid manual, his high and lofty qualities of head and heart won the unflinching and lasting esteem of all who knew him.

**Torrington.**—Rev. Benjamin F. Gilman of Hartford, formerly pastor of the Torrington Methodist church, is a candidate for appointment as chaplain of the house.

**Hartford.**—Fire which broke out in the basement of St. Joseph's cathedral threatened the beautiful building for a time and gave the firemen a hard fight Thursday.

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